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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RELIABLE TRANSMISSION OF DATA  
PACKETS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, if the  
buffer (3) is full, the transmitter (10) stops the continuous  
transmission of data packets until the arrival of acknowledge  
signals (9) concerning successfully transmitted data packets.

4. (amended) A method as claimed claim 1, wherein the transmitter (10) collects acknowledge signals (9) and processes them as a function of the filling level of the buffer (3).

7. (amended) A transmitter as claimed in claim 5, wherein a buffer (2) for data packets to be transmitted is arranged upstream of the transmitting unit (5).

8. (amended) A transmitter as claimed in at claim 5, wherein the transmitter (10) is arranged in the rotating image acquisition unit of a computed tomography apparatus and the receiver (7) is arranged in the associated fixed stator.

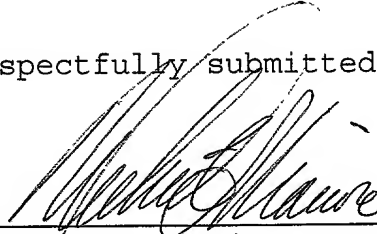
#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore

reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at  
a later time during the prosecution of this application or  
continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein, if the buffer (3) is full, the transmitter (10) stops the continuous transmission of data packets until the arrival of acknowledge signals (9) concerning successfully transmitted data packets.

4. (amended) A method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the transmitter (10) collects acknowledge signals (9) and processes them as a function of the filling level of the buffer (3).

7. (amended) A transmitter as claimed in claim ~~5 or 6~~, wherein a buffer (2) for data packets to be transmitted is arranged upstream of the transmitting unit (5).

8. (amended) A transmitter as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 5 to 7~~claim 5, wherein the transmitter (10) is arranged in the rotating image acquisition unit of a computed tomography apparatus and the receiver (7) is arranged in the associated fixed stator.